

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 866

Introduced by Assembly Member Pavley

February 20, 2003

An act to amend Section 30947 of the Public Resources Code and to amend Section 79543 of the Water Code, relating to water quality.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 866, as introduced, Pavley. Water quality.

(1) The Watershed, Clean Beaches, and Water Quality Act provides for a program of grants to public agencies and nonprofit organizations for projects designed to improve water quality at public beaches, improve water quality monitoring and sewer capability, protect water quality by reducing runoff pollution, and controlling nonpoint source water pollution. Under the act, the Integrated Watershed Management Program may award grants to public agencies and nonprofit agencies for the implementation of watershed protection and water management projects that include specified elements.

This bill would include, as an element for that program, water conservation, water use efficiency, and water supply reliability.

(2) The Water Security, Clean Drinking, Water Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, a measure approved by the voters at the November 5, 2002, statewide general election, authorizes, for the purposes of financing acquisition and development projects, the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$3,440,000,000. That act further provides that from \$100,000,000 of the bond funds, not less than \$20,000,000 shall be expended to implement priority actions specified in the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan.

This bill would specify that any money made available under those provisions for the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan be appropriated to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 30947 of the Public Resources Code is
- 2 amended to read:
- 3 30947. (a) The Integrated Watershed Management Program
- 4 is hereby established. Upon appropriation by the Legislature,
- 5 funds allocated to the program may be used by the board, subject
- 6 to the terms of the memorandum of understanding executed
- 7 pursuant to Section 30946 to award grants to public agencies and
- 8 nonprofit organizations for the development of local watershed
- 9 management plans that meet the requirements of subdivision (c)
- 10 of Section 79078 of the Water Code, and for the implementation
- 11 of watershed protection and water management projects that
- 12 include one or more of the following elements:
- 13 (1) Stormwater capture and treatment.
- 14 (2) Nonpoint source pollution reduction, management, and
- 15 monitoring.
- 16 (3) Groundwater recharge and management projects.
- 17 (4) Water banking, exchange, and reclamation, and
- 18 improvement of water quality.
- 19 (5) Vegetation management to improve watershed efficiency,
- 20 aquatic and terrestrial habitat, the creation and enhancement of
- 21 wetlands, and the acquisition, protection, and restoration of open
- 22 space.
- 23 (6) Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood
- 24 control programs that protect property and improve water quality
- 25 and stormwater capture and percolation, and protect or improve
- 26 wildlife habitat.
- 27 (7) Watershed management planning and implementation.
- 28 (8) Demonstration projects to develop new water treatment
- 29 distribution and nonpoint source pollution control methods.
- 30 (9) Erosion sediment control and stream enhancement projects,
- 31 and permit coordination programs to facilitate watershed



restoration projects that implement board approved management measures for polluted runoff.

(10) Monitoring, collection, and analysis of water quality and pollutant transport in groundwater and surface water.

(11) Native fisheries enhancement or improvement projects, and projects to restore other threatened species.

(12) *Water conservation, water use efficiency, and water supply reliability.*

(b) Upon completion of the project, the grantee shall submit a report to the board that summarizes the completed activities and indicates whether the purposes of the project have been met. The report shall include information collected by the grantee in accordance with the project monitoring and reporting plan, including, but not limited to, a determination of the effectiveness of the project in preventing or reducing pollution and the results of the monitoring program. The board shall make the report available to the public, watershed groups, and federal, state, and local agencies.

SEC. 2. Section 79543 of the Water Code is amended to read:

79543. (a) The sum of one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) shall be available for appropriation by the Legislature from the fund to the board for the purpose of financing projects that restore and protect the water quality and environment of coastal waters, estuaries, bays and near-shore waters, and groundwater.

(b) All expenditures, grants, and loans made pursuant to this section shall be consistent with the requirements of Article 5 (commencing with Section 79148) of Chapter 7 of Division 26. ~~Not~~

(c) *Of the money made available pursuant to this section, not less than twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) shall be expended to implement priority actions specified in the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Plan. Money appropriated pursuant to this subdivision shall be appropriated to the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission.*

(d) Money made available pursuant to this section shall supplement, not supplant, money appropriated or available pursuant to that Article 5 (commencing with Section 79148), and no money appropriated pursuant to this section shall be used for

- 1 a project for which an appropriation was made pursuant to that
- 2 Article 5 (commencing with Section 79148).

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